

yards above ~~it~~ the second fall, where the water has a drop of thirty five feet, and two hundred yards beyond is the third fall which has a drop of forty feet.

Hills Creek is a wonderful stream in southern Pocahontas, fifteen yerds in width. It disappears at the foot of Droop Mountain and has an under ground passage under this tremendous mountain for about four miles, when it emerges, and is called Locust Creek ^{for} about two miles where it enters Greenbrier River. Large parties visit Hills Creek Falls every summer and express themselves delighted with the wonderful outing.

Another scene that cannot be described but must be seen to be appreciated, is the sunrise from top of Drooping Mountain. We will give it as described by two ministers, who were on top of this mountain to see nature in her great beauty. Drooping Mountain overlooks much of southern Pocahontas and commands an entrancing view of Hillsboro and its charming rural surroundings of grove, field and orchard. They slowly ascended the broad winding road up the mountain side toward the summit. Their view on every hand was shut in by ~~the~~ dense misty barriers. Upon reaching the crest of the mountain, the sun was seen in all its glorious power and light, ready to roll away the mists that were over the hills, vales and the streams, keeping them from view. The scene was one of adoration and awe. Words could not fitly express the scene. The radiant power of the sun had come and was working miracles. The surface of the vast cloud beneath began

to rise and roll like waves and as one would tower above others near, it seemed to draw them along, till all had vanished in upward viewless flight.

Drops of dissolving mist were on the leaves like pearls and they hung the bushes with brilliants and shone like diamonds on the grass.

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Marlinton Visited By Early Morning Fire

Pifer Motor Company Garage Suffers Damage

Last Tuesday morning when the early risers were building their fires and the night owls were just getting to sleep the frosty air was split by the heart catching wail of the fire siren.

The siren called at about 5:20 a. m. and the fire fighters were on the job in a few minutes and found that the blaze was just two doors from the fire house, at Pifer's Garage.

Without losing any time the smoke eaters unreeled their hose and soon had a stream of Marlinton's nauseating water on the blaze. It looked for a while like the barber shop of Frank Moore and the Fire House were also doomed but there is evidently something in our evil smelling water that is death on fire for the boys soon had the inferno calmed down and after a three hour fight in freezing weather finally put the blackout on the insurance man's nightmare.

It is thought that the fire was caused by defective wiring in the building.

Due to the prompt and effective efforts of the local fire company damage was limited to the balcony and roof of the old Opera House building. The amount of the damage has been estimated at about \$4,000 part of which is accounted for by parts stored on the balcony by the garage.

There were quite a few automobiles stored in the garage at the time of the fire but with the help of the firemen and other citizens they were all removed before they were damaged.

While this was one of the most spectacular fires that has visited Marlinton in some time it could have caused many times the damage it did had it not been for the good work of the local fire company under the leadership of Fire Chief Paul Overholt, and the entire community owes these lads a debt of gratitude for their prompt, efficient service.

Just a word to the non-resident about Marlinton's water. The water we are now using is not our regular supply, water is now being obtained from mineral wells, which explains the strange odor and taste.

Calvin Price Talks On Nationwide Hookup

Last Tuesday night the names of Marlinton and the Greenbrier river were heard from coast to coast of our land as Calvin W. Price, editor of the Pocahontas Times, spoke over the nationwide hookup of the "We The People" program.

Editor Price is to be congratulated on being chosen to speak over the air on this program as it is one of the most popular on the networks.

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**Marlinton Laundry Victim
Of Early Morning Fire**

The wailing of the fire siren announced to residents of Marlinton that the Demon Fire had once more picked out a local building for its victim at 12:30 this morning.

The fire, which evidently started at the southern, or laundry, end of the building, spread rapidly on account of the high wind prevailing at the time. The frame building burned quickly and it was evident by the time the fire truck reached the scene that it would be impossible to save it. Firemen therefore concentrated their efforts on holding the fire in check and thus reduce the possibility of the flames spreading to other buildings. Fortunately there are no buildings near the laundry and this helped to check the possible loss.

The northern end of the building was fitted up for light housekeeping and was occupied by Mr and Mrs. Earl Price and three other people whose name could not be learned immediately. The house furnishings of these people were mostly all damaged or destroyed before the fire was extinguished. Volunteers succeeded in saving a few pieces of furniture but the intense smoke kept them from venturing into the building for more than a few seconds at a time.

Mrs. W. J. Yeager was the proprietor of the laundry which occupied the largest part of the building and the building itself was owned by Mr Hubert Echols. It could not be ascertained this morning whether or not any insurance was carried on the building or contents.

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